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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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Please see the attached communication regarding this application.

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Pursuant to the directives of paper No. 18 (filed 10/17/00), claim 17 has been cancelled, and claim 23 added. Claims 6-8, 11-16, 20-23 are pending.

Pursuant to the following Examiner's Amendment, claims 6-8, 11-16, 21-23 are allowable.

**However**, a reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED herewith.

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An Examiner's Amendment to claims was discussed in an interview with Mollie Yang held 11/14/00. Since this application is now suspended, the claim amendments that are directed by this Examiner's Amendment have not been entered; the claims remain as they were prior to this communication. Howevever, applicants may may choose to make reference to this Examiner's Amendment in response to this, or any subsequent Office action. As discussed in the telephone interview, the changes to the claims that are directed by the Examiner's Amendment are as follows:

- In claim 21, immediately following formula Ia, the following phrase occurs:

  "or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein"

  In this phrase, delete "pharmaceutically acceptable"
- Cancel claim 20.

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- In claim 22, 22<sup>nd</sup> line from last, delete "norleucine;]", and substitute therefor: -- norleucine; --.
- In claim 22, 9th line from last, delete:

"N-[4-(benzoylamino)benzenesulfonyl))-(L)-prolyl-(L)-norleucine;" and substitute therefor:

-- N-(4-(benzoylamino)benzenesulfonyl)-(L)-prolyl-(L)-norleucine; -- .

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton [phone number (703)308-3213].

An inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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